

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 13-24 and 33-41 is gratefully acknowledged.

In response to the indefiniteness objection to independent claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-32, claim 25(e) was amended to conform to allowed claim 13(b) and, hence, is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to March 5, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 25

25. (Amended) A circuit arrangement, comprising:

- a) a carrier;
- b) an electrically conductive adhesive on, and in electrical continuity with, the carrier;
- c) a plurality of adjacent components carrying electrical signals and bounding a gap and placed at respective footprints onto, and secured by the adhesive on, the carrier;
- d) an overhead electrical connector interconnecting the components and spanning the gap at a junction; and
- e) the adhesive being applied in a pattern beginning at a starting area and interrupted at an ending area, the pattern having a lesser quantity of the adhesive at the junction as compared to a greater quantity of the adhesive at each of the starting and ending areas to resist a flow of the adhesive into the gap at the junction after placement of the components, the starting and ending areas being located away from the junction.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 25

25. A circuit arrangement, comprising:
- a) a carrier;
 - b) an electrically conductive adhesive on, and in electrical continuity with, the carrier;
 - c) a plurality of adjacent components carrying electrical signals and bounding a gap and placed at respective footprints onto, and secured by the adhesive on, the carrier;
 - d) an overhead electrical connector interconnecting the components and spanning the gap at a junction; and
 - e) the adhesive being applied in a pattern beginning at a starting area and interrupted at an ending area, the pattern having a lesser quantity of the adhesive at the junction as compared to a greater quantity of the adhesive at each of the starting and ending areas to resist a flow of the adhesive into the gap at the junction after placement of the components, the starting and ending areas being located away from the junction.